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| Activities Calendar for November 1999 | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | Business Meeting Fighter Practice | Bridget's Bards Dance Practice | | Hunter's Feast | Cooks Guild |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | Lampworker's Guild | Fighter Practice | Bridgets Bards, Calligraphy classes Dance Practice | Baronial Yule | Caer Galen Midwinter | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Scribe's Guild | Costumer's Guild Drumming | Fighter practice University of Caerthe Newcomers Meeting | Bridgets Bards Dance Practice | Calligraphy classes | | Baronial Scriptorium |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Scribe's Guild | Lampworker's Guild "Scots Gaelic | Fighter practice | Bridgets Bards Dance Practice | | | Super Basic Sewing Jeweler's Guild |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| | Drumming Hypothetical Music Makers | Fighter practice | Dance Practice | **December** | | |

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# From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the Populace of Caerthe,

Another year comes to a close. And this year is a special one, for not only is it the end of a year, but also, the end of a millenium. It should be a time to reflect on the accomplishments of our past and perhaps a time to look to our futures. Many changes lie ahead for us all, and we hope that these changes will benefit us all. We have it within us to do great good and each year will see improvement. During our drive for "Toys for Tots" we were able to collect over 600 new toys and more than $200.00. This gesture of generosity will give joy and happiness to many children who might not otherwise be able to fully enjoy the season.

Their Royal Majesties will announce the names of our successors at Baronial Yule. We hope that you will give them the support and encouragement they need. We know that this appointment is a big step for anyone and it will not be an easy job to do by themselves. We would like to thank each of the candidates for tendering their letters of intent and we wish them the best of luck.

Congratulations to Sir Hoegarden for receiving a Queen's Cypher and to Lady Vanna for receiving the Queen's Grace.

We remain in service to the Outlands,

Walter Fiachra

# From the Seneschal

Greetings fine populace of Caerthe. I hope everyone has been enjoying our rather mild fall. When it is this warm it is hard to remember that the Holidays are just around the corner!

I just want to remind the officers about doomsday reports. If you can get me what you have by the first week of January I will be able to be on time with my report to Kingdom. If you cannot have it done by then, let me know so I can go back through your report file (this is where that printed report thing comes in handy!)

We will be meeting on the first Wednesday (January 5th) in January folks. I am sorry but someone got the first Mondays before me. Let us talk about some options at the meeting.

I again want to thank all of the officers for another year of service. Many of you do thankless jobs and on behalf of the entire Barony may I say thank you now. I see a core of officers that are dedicated to their positions, and to the betterment of this Barony, and I have been honored to work with each and every one of you. I am very proud of the accomplishments we have made together and I hope very much, after I have left this office, you all will continue and grow on this path of cooperation and communication.

We had only one change over this year — Thank you to The Honorable Lady Jorunn for her service as Knight Marshal, and to Jester, you have done a fine job so far and thank you very much. To Lady Meghan, I know you have felt useless and down right bored at times; but without your help and support I could not have done my job this year. Thank you so very much.

To His Excellency Tule, The Honorable Lady Taryn, The Honorable Lady Gabrielle Cartier, The Honorable Lady Orlafthia, The Honorable Lord Roland, Lady Maire, Lady Yuki, Lady Adelicia, Lord John of Swineford, Lord Robert of Dearborn, and Lord Robert Marchet; without your support and friendship this year would have been unmanageable. I want to say thank you to each of you, both as the Seneschal and as your friend. To Lord Ivan, as always you are my heart and soul, the pillar and the foundation. Without you none of this would even have any meaning. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. To MacKenna, you are the light of my life and someday you will think it was really cool of me to put your name in print even though you cannot read yet. To the populace, thank you very much for allowing me to serve you for another year, I have truly enjoyed everything: the good, the bad and the weird.

May your homes be filled with the peace and joy of the season and may it stay with you all year long.

In Service,

Stasia

# Society for Creative Anachronism Inc.
# Barony of Caerthe Treasurer's Report

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Balance Forward** | **September 30, 1999** | **$7118.41** |
| **Expenses:** | | |
| Ch. #1542 | Eat Drink Be Merry - site | $50.00 |
| Ch. #1543 | 3rd Quarter tithe to Kingdom | 60.00 |
| Ch. #1544 | 3rd Quarter tithe to Bldg. Fund | 134.00 |
| Ch. #1545 | Toys 4 Tots/War Prac - site | 180.00 |
| Ch. #1546 | Proceedings - printing | 242.37 |
| Ch. #1547 | Outlands Travel Fund | 99.00 |
| Ch. #1548 | P 0 Box rental | 44.00 |
| Ch. #1549 | Public Storage - 3 months | 345.00 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSE** | | **$1154.37** |
| **Income:** | | |
| | Newcomer Revel | $35.00 |
| | Sewing Workshop | 40.00 |
| | Donation for fencers site | 56.00 |
| | Benefit Revel | 1037.00 |
| | ($343. To Regalia, $18 to fencers) | |
| | Reimb from Cost. Coll. | 31.73 |
| | Donation from lunch - Cust Coll | 99.00 |
| | Proceedings | 160.00 |
| | Twelfth Night | 504.00 |
| | Donation for fencers site | 60.00 |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | | **$2256.23** |
| **Ending Balance:** | **October 31, 1999** | **$8220.27** |

Moneys held in account for:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Archers | 191.77 | Scribes | 414.15 |
| Armorers | 43.32 | College | 260.43 |
| Fencers | 26.31 * | Cooks Guild | 530.42 |
| Fighters | 226.68 | Heralds | 4.00 |
| Regalia | 486.15 * | Hospitallers | 25.00 |
| Lampworkers | 17.00 | Balance for Guilds | $2225.23 |

Net Balance for Barony of Caerthe: $5995.04

Written for the information of the Barony of Caerthe

Marguerite

**Income Statement**
**Barony of Caerthe**

**July 1, 1999 to September 30, 1999**

| Income | | Expenses | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Contributions | $11.50 | Supplies | $741.18 |
| Program Service Income | 2411.00 | Food | 437.98 |
| Fund Raising Income | 0.00 | Postage | 0.00 |
| Interest | 11.87 | Occupancy | 870.00 |
| | | Equip. Rental | 0.00 |
| Other Income | 3.00 | Printing | 20.79 |
| | | Bad Debts | 6.00 |
| | | Tfrs. to other SCA groups | 340.00 |
| **Gross Income** | **$2437.37** | **Total Expenses** | **$2415.95** |
| | | **Net Income** | **21.42** |

**Income/loss report for Third Quarter, 1999**

| Event | Income/loss |
|---|---|
| Tri-Baronial Warlord | +401.82 |
| Westminster Faire | .00 |
| Garage Sale | 100.00 |
| Highland Games | - |

# From the Hospitaller

Our next Newcomers' Meeting will be December 15th (Wednesday). My apologies to those of you who go to fighter practice, but the library's schedule is extremely tight with holiday children's programs. The topic for our meeting will be 'A Twelfth Night Primer: An introduction to Caerthe's Premier Event'. We will be discussing court, the event, activities and things that will help the newcomers adjust that what can be an overwhelming event. It will be at the Englewood Public Library (Perrin Room) again. If you are interested in helping please show up between 6:30pm and 7:00pm.

My thanks to everyone who has helped out with newcomer activities over the past few months. Your help has been invaluable.

Lord Robert of Deerbourne

Baronial Hospitaller

# From the Knight Marshal

Things are peachy keen. The new site is great, if somewhat dusty. We are getting about 8 fighters in armor at each practice plus some without. Bring your friends and we will melee. Many thanks to Sir Kronos for running the Heavy portion of the practice when it conflicted with Populace and I had to absent myself. We are getting a phone list together for the heavies, contact me to get your name on it so you aren't left out in the cold and uninformed.

Two issues: The fighter practice site is non-smoking. We have people who cannot take smoke and I personally detest it. Please take it outside and make sure your guests are aware of this rule. I need a drop-dead deputy. I've only seen one deputy in the past two months. I've blocked out time to be at all the fighter practices, but I need someone who can take over if I'm hit by a car. Please contact me if you are interested.

In service, Ian Pengam called Jester of Anglesey

# From the Chronicler

Greetings from the Chronicler. We should have clearance to start using the new domain name for the website in a few days (as of the time of this writing). At that time we will start moving the website to the new site and using the new domain name. The new domain website address is: **http:/ www.sca-caerthe.org.** Please do not start using it until I post to the Outlands list and to the Caerthen Post that the website is up and running. I hope to have, with Lord Robert's cooperation, a page on the old site that will redirect everyone's links to the new site once it is up. Due to certain technical considerations, it may take a while before email forwarding can be set up for officers who wish to use it. The new email forwarding for officers will be youroffice@sca-caerthe.org (i.e. chronicler@sca-caerthe.org). Please do not start using these new addresses until Lord Frederick and I have confirmed that they are working. We may postpone the transfer until after the first of the year to insure that everything is going smoothly.

Please make note of these points:

Officers, if you wish to have your email forwarded through the new site, please send me your correct email address before the end of the year.

If you do not want to have your email forwarded, I need your correct address anyway. I will no longer be printing email addresses for anyone forwarded from the old caerthe.org site, as this will only add to the confusion that will inevitably be caused by the transition.

The email forwarding is a service provided to the officers of the Barony. It is totally optional.

Please remember: All submissions for the website need to be sent to me and copied to Lord Frederick. Lord Frederick is filling the post of Deputy Webmaster at this time. Lady Stasia and I are in the process of defining Website policies that will be published in the next Duct Tape issue. I will also publish them in the regular issue of the Fortress as soon as they are finalized. If anyone has any input into this matter, please let us know. We will be clarifying such topics as the duties of the Deputy Webmaster, deadlines for updating the webpage, etc.

Lastly, I realize that this has been a controversial decision on my part. I have made it only after due consultation with others and understanding that this falls under the purview of the Chronicler's Office. I will be happy to discuss my reasoning for this decision with anyone who wishes to know it. I sincerely regret any inconvenience that this may have caused anyone, and I again want to thank Lord Robert for organizing the initial domain and providing a space for the Baronial webpage when we needed it. I also want to thank Lord Frederick, THLady Caelainn, Lady Stasia, my son Sean (my chief stapler), THLady Taryn, Lady Meghan, Master Crispin, Lady Gwenhevare, Lady Killian, THLord Roland, Lord Ivan and others too numerous to mention for supporting me through what at times has been a difficult first year. You know who you are.

In service, Maire ni Chonaill

## Travelling Scribe
## Lady Killian MacKenzie
## Kingdom Deputy of Education

Our semester of calligraphy is coming to an end. Plans and dates for the coming year are under way. The next session will take us to the the world of the Gothic hands. Textura Quadrata minuscule (lower case) and a majuscule (capitals) will be taught. Included in this study will be an overview of Bastard Secretary, Bastarde, Fraktur and Schwabacher. These hands are what normally are called Black Letter or Gothic. This study of a very meticulous hand will require the student to make a commitment. There will be two guest teachers. Each will teach a late period painting technique to complement the late period calligraphic hands. If you plan to attend this session, you must contact Lady Killian before the class. You will need to learn the use of gouache and to secure the supplies for the class. Left handers and those who have never done calligraphy before are welcome.

On December 9 (Thursday), THL Maredudd will teach a period painting technique and Lady Killian will teach a late period paper box. Supplies for Painting: gouache, brushes, water container, palette for mixing. Supplies for the Box: ruler with numbers, pencil, scissors, #1 1 blade and x-acto knife, cutting surface. Optional: UHU glue stick, bone folder. Paper will be provided for both techniques.

Call Lady Killian if you have any questions.

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dates: December 9 (Thursday) December 17 (Friday)

Place: The Friendly Village of the Rockies Clubhouse. Take best route to 1-25 and Thornton Parkway (92nd Ave.). Go west on Thornton Parkway, then north on Pecos, then west on 100th Ave. Take your first left (Elbert) and you will see the clubhouse in front of you.

If you are interested in any of the classes or workshops, please call Lady Killian MacKenzie at 303-773-9596 or write to her at 8241 South Fillmore Way, #246, Littleton, CO 801222.

## From the Kingdom Minister of Children

Unto the populace of Caerthe doth the Honorable Lady Caterina Fregoso, Kingdom Minister of Children, send warmest greetings!

As you may have heard, our Kingdom has decided that it is in need of a Ministry of Children, to better serve the needs of our younger gentles and their parents. The Kingdom Seneschal has appointed me for an interim term of six months, until a permanent officer can be decided upon. It is my duty to seek out other worthy gentles willing to serve their Baronies, Shires and Cantons in this noble way on a local level. I would like to request at this time that those willing to dedicate themselves to the guidance and teaching of our youth submit their formal letters of intent to me for consideration. I am looking for those who have had some experience working with children in particular, but that will not be the sole basis for acceptance; anyone expressing a sincere desire to work with young people will not be turned away for lack of experience. Additionally, anyone wishing to apply for the office of Kingdom Minister of Children should address their application or letter of intent to the Kingdom Seneschal, Mistress Coemri nEithne, at the address listed in the Outlandish Herald; either e-mail or regular mail is acceptable. Please do not send letters of intent for the position of Kingdom Minister of Children to me; as I am also a candidate for the permanent position and this would be a conflict of interest.

The Minister of Children is considered a lesser officer, and a deputy to the Seneschal, much like the Hospitaller. As a potential officer, you should be willing to report monthly to the Kingdom Minister of Children as well as to your local Seneschal. A report will be sent to you from the Kingdom Officer, informing you as to what is happening in other areas, upcoming events, tips on working with kids and activity ideas. You may or may not be asked to submit a monthly letter to your local publication, depending on the needs of your group.

My goals as Kingdom Officer are:

1) To have a local Minister of Children in every group that needs one
2) To provide a network for advice, support and ideas, as well as problem solving
3) To provide quality activities for children at every local and Kingdom event
4) To have active Kingdom guilds or interest groups for young people, such as banner bearers, water bearers, runners and pages, junior archery and boffers, with strong local support.

Additional goals that I would like to meet are regular collegiums for youth and newcomers (perhaps in conjunction with the Hospitallers), more mentoring and paging of children to adults and more recognition of our youth for outstanding service, pursuit of the arts and martial arts. I will also be appointing regional deputies, to better serve the needs of the populace. If you would be desirous of taking on these extra responsibilities, please let me know. If you would like to join with me in my vision for the future of our younger gentles, please contact me via e-mail at: karen.french@bnsf.com or mail your letter of intent to: THL Caterina Fregos mka. Karen French, 11031 N. Marshall St., Westminster, CO 80020For further information, you may contact me after 6:00 pm at (303)438-0632.

Yours in service to the Dream, Caterina

# University of Caerthe

In December we will hear Sir Titus Claudius Severus and Lord Theopompus speak to us on how the ancient Greeks and Romans spent their leisure time. No, no, not that way! They already covered that topic last March. This time they will talk about theatre, horse racing, athletic competitions, the public baths, and of course the famous Roman gladiatorial combats.

We will meet at 7:30 P.M., December 15, the third Wednesday of the month, at Salamander Manor, the home of Mistress Bernice of Brittany - 3495 Newland Street, Wheat Ridge. All are encouraged to attend. Period garb is optional, but appreciated. For further information, call Mistress Bernice, 303-233-9558, or Master Robin Vinehall, 303-444-5004. If you live in Unser Hafen, you can call Sir Titus at 970-484-1087 or Lord Theopompus at 970-221-3558.

## *Lampworkers Guild*

We make glass beads, game pieces, buttons, etc.

**When:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Where:** 10889 W. 65th Way, Arvada

If you want to learn to play in the fire, please come and play with us.

**New members are welcome.** You will learn step by step how to take a glass rod and make beautiful beads.

**Directions:** Take your best route to I-70 West if you are coming from east of I-25. Exit Kipling going North. Kipling will turn into Ralston. Take a right on Oak (the third light on Ralston). From Oak take the third left, 65th WAY. From 65th Way, it's the third house on the right. If you have questions please call Lady Jorunn at 303-421-0689.

Lady Jorunn nic Lochlainn, Guild Steward

## *Scribes Guild*

For any and all who are interested in the Scribal Arts (calligraphy, illumination, illustration, etc.), Scribes Guild meets on the second and third Mondays of each month at the home of THL Wyndylyn (15912 E. Lehigh Circle), from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The guild is open to all who wish to attend – please note that there are no formal "guild membership" requirements. For directions, call THL Wyndylyn at 303-680-1583, for information, call Lady Arwen at 303-756-7040.

## *Dance Practice*

Dance practice should resume at the regular sites in December, when we'll be practicing dances for Twelfth Night. Any questions, please call Arwen at 303-756-7040, or e-mail arwen@caerthe.org.

## *Baronial Scriptorium*

Improve your handwriting! Learn to gold leaf your doodling! Find out how many flowers grow on the same vine! Join us in the Baronial Scriptorium every third Sunday of the month: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tools, materials, and teachers provided. 15912 E. Lehigh Circle, Aurora. Call 303-680-1583 for directions. This class will be cancelled if it conflicts with a Caerthen event.

## December Cooks Guild Meeting

The Caerthen Cook's Guild will meet on SUNDAY, December 5, at the home of Mistress Kate, 910 Milwaukee Street, at 2:00 p.m. This will be our traditional Holiday guildmeeting, so come help decorate cookies. Following the decorating, we will share traditional holiday foods and drinks and sing carols. Please come and join us! Contact Mistress Kate, 303-322-1907 with any questions or ideas for future guild meetings.

## *Super Basic Sewing*

T-tunics, chemises, skirts, simple bodices, basic hand-stitching, modifying modern patterns, basic fitting, from pictures to clothing, simple headcovers and hair treatments. Fourth Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. 15912 E. Lehigh Circle, Aurora. 303-680-1583 for directions. This class will be cancelled if it conflicts with a Caerthen event.

## Milliner's Guild

The Milliner's Guild is where you want to go to make the period hat to match that period outfit. This forum is open to one and all. Every hat made is as period as we can get. References, sources and instructions are available for each project. There are no fees to participate. Requirements: Eagerness to learn and to share. You purchase your own supplies for each hat project made. If you do not want to make the hat chosen, you may make whatever hat that you like. Help and instructions will be provided. Basic sewing kit: scissors (one pair for fabric, one pair for paper), needles, threads, straight pins, tape measure, paper for patterns, note paper and pencil, fine line black marker. The next meeting will be in late January. Date and project yet to be determined. Check the January Fortress for day, project supplies and directions. Any questions, call: THL Beatricia 303-460-8189 (No calls after 9:00 p.m.) or Lady Killian MacKenzie 303-773-9596.

# A letter to the populace of Caerthe

I know this will seem so contradictory to my monthly letter, but I did not want to detract from my words of gratitude with these thoughts. In some respects, I may be somewhat to blame. I informed you and handed out the questionnaire about the year in review meeting in August. I announced it both the business meeting and the Canton meeting. I did the same in September. I failed to do so in October but I did not want to seem to be a nag.

Yes, we have been very busy this year, especially in October, we had many pressing matters on our minds. But I believed that after months of listening to your concerns and complaints, many of you implying that I was not doing my job, that things here in Caerthe were growing worse by the minute and that I was the one to do something about it and I did. I created a forum for you to openly bring your concerns for discussion and for possible resolution. And you my beloved populace have done nothing.

Before I put it into motion I asked around, no one said "Hey Stasia this is a bad idea, we don't want to do it." If fact many of you thought it was a fine idea. Yet I received only five letters about the review meeting. Two of those letter were from officers. Only one other person called to ask if they could send me a letter at date later than the November deadline. Six people cared enough about our Barony to directly respond. And you have dared to ask what troubles Caerthe?

I would like to tell you what I think troubles Caerthe. Apathy and Egotism. We have all forgotten to look past ourselves and care.

I will summarize the letters as I promised. Also I will take any letters, calls, emails, a rock through my window, any means you think is appropriate on these issues. I will, as always, take any of your comments questions or concerns about anything, including myself and the job I am doing. When the new Baron and Baroness are announced, I will get with them to arrange for this meeting. But let me say this first, if you did not care enough to speak out before the meeting, I personally would question your motivation to speak at the meeting.

Summary as follows:

1) How do you (the Populace) feel the officers, including Their Excellencies are doing?

-The Baron and Baroness have done their best under trying circumstances, have shown consistent care and concern for the well being of the Barony.

-The officer core for the most part is doing a fine job. A few individuals (not named) should be reminded of their job descriptions. But overall a good job.

-Neither group is supported in any real extent by the populace at large.

2) The general consensus is we are basically OK, but we had better do some real work if we do not wish to get worse and we have to potential to be a very glorious Barony.

-only a few hard working individuals / same people doing everything

-too much complaining without offers of help by the complainers

-too much concern about politics / who got or did not get recognized / who deserves or does not deserve an award

-no real cooperation

-too much gossip and rumor mongering

-running off newcomers with our bad attitudes

-everyone believes their way is the only right way

-growing conflict between Canton and Barony / Canton and Schola act too independent of the Barony rather than a part of and dependent on the Barony

-not enough cooperation between Barony, Canton and Schola officers

-rich resource of various talents not living up their potential

3) What areas need particular attention?
-need to make people feel involved - unified
-work towards unity with a purpose-
-negativity, gossip, rumors have got to stop
-focus energy to retaining new members
-training of populace to be officers and autocrats
-more person to person conflict resolution-
-resolve the growing conflict between Canton and Barony
-cooperation between various interests / guilds i.e. dance practice with a musicians practice
-reconnect with older players / players who have not been seen for a while

4) What are our goals for the Barony?
-work on fixing what we can from above
-work more closely with building fund / see a growth plan from the building fund
-increase communication on all levels
-retention of newcomers
-renew and maintain pageantry
-establish court rituals
-increase cohesiveness / unity between people and groups
update the Baronial Regalia

5) What is our growth plan for the Barony?
Pretty much the same as above. Most said we need to fix what we can, see where we stand, and come back to this one.
-increase our teaching in all areas

6) What are our traditions? How do we best preserve them? Which may be obsolete?
-Warlord, Premier Blade, Archery captain, Baronial Guard, Ladies in Waiting these are honored positions / treat them as such / more pageantry and respect toward those positions
-Toys for Tots, Boo at Zoo, Westminster Faire are excellent demos that need to continue and to grow even better
-revitalize support and participation in A&S
-Dreamers Cup an honor / should be done with much pageantry every year

Even for just five letters that is a lot to think about. I know we will not be able to cover everything in one meeting, especially if I see more response. I do not even expect to come to any concrete conclusions. But just knowing what we think, how we, as a unit, feel, just seeing the concerns of another that mirror our own, gives us the foundation we need to begin making changes, meeting or no meeting. I really think that is the crux of the situation; knowing that we really all have the same concerns makes it easier to work on those concerns, to ask for help, to say I am sorry, to come together and have fun.

For now let me make a step towards middle ground, I will have my printed responses to these questions at the populace meeting and a tentative schedule of things I would like to see happen. I truly believe that this is for the greater good of us all and I am only acting towards that end. I hope you have not found insult nor offense in my words.

I remain in Service, Lady Stasia

# Caerthe Benefit Revel

Thanks to all who came, enjoyed, donated, and bought tickets. Congratulations to all our 'winners' of the many wonderful items that were donated. The benefit garnered a total of $1037 for The Fortress ($363), the Outlandish Herald ($313), Baronial Regalia ($343), and the fencers ($18). Thanks to the Schola for getting us the site at no cost so the event had no expenses that would have reduced the amount realized. My great thanks to all who helped with set-up, take-down, and all the things that needed doing in between. Their ranks are many, but I have a very poor memory for names. Thanks also to, Sir Hoegaarden, Lord Tristan and his minions, Her Ladyship Gabrielle, and Mistress Mirianna for all their entertainment at the distribution of the wealth.

Cecelia

# 12th Night War Practice

The drums of war are sounding calling all to the great Estrella War. Plan now to attend the Caerthen War Practice the Sunday after 12th Night and hone your group battle skills. We will again be meeting at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds.

**Date:** Sunday January 9, 2000, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Site:** Jefferson County Fair Grounds General Purpose Building (this is a DRY site)

**Directions:** I-25 to 6th Ave West, west on 6th Ave to the Indiana exit, Indiana south to the first light after the highway. West (right) past the fire station to the fair grounds entrance (a left turn), follow the road up to the first building on your right, the General Purpose Building.

**Site Fee:** Brass Bowl, please be generous.

**Autocrat:** Cecelia Corr Mhaire, Mary Conley, 303-433-0132, 303-556-2270, Mary.Conley@cudenver.edu.

# Eat, Drink, and Be Merry Revel

November's Revel was great! Lord Eric Morrison gave us wonderful information on Heraldry and, of course, we ate and danced. UPDATE: December's Revel has been canceled. Those who schedule our site failed to inform us that we could not have the site in December until about 10 minutes before I contacted the Chronicler with this release. Of course we cannot re-schedule for the 10th as it is Baronial Yule and the 24th is Christmas Eve. Soooooo...Mark your calendars for January 21 at 7:00pm at Warren United Methodist Church at 14th and Gilpin. The Flattened Fox will tentatively be visiting with many wonderful prizes to be won. If you are interested in cooking, serving, or attending (reservations are requested though not demanded) please call Gisela at 303-316-0857 or Oonagh at 303-832-5291. The site/feast fee is $5.00 (however if you have never attended ANY event, the fee is free!). We will hope to see you in January!!!

# Lost

Sometime at an event in the last six months, Lady Killian MacKenzie lost her pearl rosary with a large sterling silver crucifix. The reward for returning it will be a small simple back scroll. Please contact Lady Killian at the phone number listed in the Travelling Scribe article.

# Hunter's Feast

Shire of Windkeep, December 4, A.S. XXXIV (1999) Site Opens at Noon • Site Closes at Midnight Laramie County Community College • 1400 E. College Dr • Cheyenne, WY Fees: $10.00 (Pre-paid guarantees your reservation); Children pay half price Make checks payable to "SCA - Windkeep" Site is Dry; No smoking indoors

The harvest has ended, the hunters are home, and Yuletide is fast approaching. The Shire of Windkeep asks all who will to pause with them to reflect upon the world and join them in a Hunter's Feast to be held December 4, 1999. The event is limited to the first 175 reservations (the only guaranteed reservation is a PAID reservation, so pre-payment is HIGHLY encouraged), and alcohol is not permitted on campus. Crash space is available, as well as discount motel reservations. Contact the Event Steward for information.

If we are blessed with clear weather during the day, there will be heavy and light weapons pick-up fighting and other outdoor games. Indoors there will be good fellowship, dancing, and whatever games as can be devised. A bardic competition will be held during the feast, as in past years, with a gift of silver to the best entertainer. Sign-up sheets will be at the troll.

Throughout the day there will be an informal competition for best hunters theme (garb/tablesetting/banner) to be arbitrarily judged by the kitchen staff.

There will be a soup and bread donation lunch from about 1 p.m. till about 2 p.m. The mainfeast will start about 6 p.m. If the Crown attends, and so wishes, court will be held.

The feast will consist of the bounty of the land, and whatever the Hunters and Gatherers of our fair land provide. If you are vegetarian, or have food allergies, or aversions, please contact the cook, who will prepare dishes suited to your tastes.

**Directions to Laramie County Community College:** Take I-25 to the College Drive Exit. Turn east on College and go approximately 5 miles to the college. Parking and entrance to the site are on the north side of the campus, and signs will be posted. If you pass Wyoming Tent & Awning, you went too far.

**Site Steward:** Master Rhys Afalwyn (Larry Hammons), 10700 Ranch Rd., Cheyenne, WY 82001, (307) 632-1133, MasterRhys@aol.com

**Head Cook:** Mistress Aldyth Trefaldwyn (Debbie Hammons), 10700 Ranch Rd., Cheyenne, WY 82001, (307) 632-1133, Aldyth@aol.com

# Baronial Yule

Gather ye Gentles to celebrate the soon-to-be longer days of Winter and the Yuletide season. Come join us at the Greenbrook Townhomes Clubhouse for music and merriment from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on December 10, 1999. Bridgit's Bards will be entertaining us with song, we'll hear the sounds of miniature musical fairies playing from their hiding place, and there may even be dancing. This "wet" site is large, offers a lovely fireplace for our enjoyment, and a small kitchen. Bring your most basic feast gear (plate and tankard) to partake of the finger foods provided for your pleasure. There will also be hot, mulled cider and cool mint lemonade to quench your thirst. The Brass Bowl will be out should you wish to share the generosity of the season.

**Directions:** From the intersection of I-225 and Mississippi Avenue in Aurora, go EAST to Chambers Road. (There's a traffic light here.) Turn left going NORTH on Chambers. The entrance to GreenBrook Town Homes is the second left turn.

**Co-autocrats:** Lady Patrice Trembath: (303)696-7674 email: LadyPatrice@aol.com Lady Anna von Ostenwald (303)871-4383 or (303)750-2620 email: amcfeete@du.edu

P.S. There will be special recognition given to those Gentles who best represent the colors (red, green and white) and spirit of the Season.

# Caer Galen Midwinter

(December 11, A.S. XXXIV (1999))

**Site opens** at 9:00a.m; **Site closes** at 11:00 p.m. St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, 7420 S. Boulder Rd., Boulder, CO 80303-4694 The site is **Discreetly Wet** (no hard liquor). Smoking will be permitted only out of doors.

**Fees:** Site—$5.00; Feast—5.00; **Child's Discount**—Site is free (feast is $5.00); Make checks payable to SCA—Caer Galen.

**Event coordinator:** Lord Frithuric Ulman (frithuric@caer-galen.outlands.sca.org) Karl Kieninger, 2035 Ridge Dr., Broomfield, CO 80020, 303.464.9587

**Feast coordinator:** Anne Dhonnabhaine (MurrayAnne@aol.com) Anne Murray, 2035 Ridge Dr., Broomfield, CO 80020, 303.464.9587

**Reservations:** Send **paid** reservations to Lord Frithuric. **Paid** reservations will be taken so long as they are received before the event. Contact the autocrat if you need help finding crash space. Address dietary concerns to Anne.

Join the citizens of Caer Galen for our annual winter festivities! For the third year, we will use Midwinter to select our Captain of the Watch. The competition will be open to all citizens of Caer Galen. Those citizens living outside our walls may contact Don Klaus to arrange the proper papers.

Traditionally we select a new bearer of the Harp of Caer Galen each Midwinter. In addition, this year we will elect a Doge as a fund raiser. The Doge gets to wear an great hat. Paid nominations for Doge will be taken from 10am until noon. Votes for Doge may be purchased from then until the polls close at 5:00pm. Vote early and vote often!

Children often find little structured activity at events. This can be hard on both the children and their parents. In an effort to be more welcoming to families, we have arranged for **children's activities** at Midwinter. Our new kingdom Minister of Children will oversee the activities from, approximately, 11:00a to 5:00p, with a break for lunch.

Afternoon activities will begin with the **Captain's Tourney at noon**. Following the tourney we hope to provide instruction, during the day, on several dances for the evening's ball. This year's Caer Galen Musical Chairs will be run in the afternoon. Court will be held at Their Majesties' discretion. The evening will be filled with court dancing in a **sable colour court.**

This years feast will be run as a meal, rather than a grand feast. We hope this will allow more time for other activities. The feast will be limited to 80 people. **We will ask one person from each table to act as server** for that table, so keep this in mind while seating.

**Directions:** Take US 36 West to Boulder. East on South Boulder Rd. ~ 2.5 miles. Right onto Barcelona. St. Ambrose Episcopal Church is on the left.

# Twelfth Night

January 8, 2000

The Barony of Caerthe invite one and all to their annual celebration of Twelfth Night to be held January 8, 2000 at Adams County Fairgrounds in Denver - 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton. CO The site will open at 9am and close at 11 pm. This is a DRY site.

The theme is Shakespeare's Twelfth Night with contests to fit the theme. i.e. cross dressing (female to male & male to female (remember that males played the roles of females)), twins, a pearling contest (most pearls on an outfit).

The head cook is THL Maredudd and she is planning an Elizabethan Feast which consists of:

On the table -carrots & cucumbers, marinated mushrooms, mixed pickled cold vegetables, eggs y-farced, bread and butter.

lst course -fenkel in soppes (fennel soup), a jellie of fyshe, salat, a crust of tame creatures, (chicken pie).

2nd course - roast capon, roast duck, ris engoule, peas in oil, cauliflower with citron sauce, fried toste of spinage.

3rd course - rappe, (shredded beef), roast pork, stewed cabbage, carrots in honey and mint, frumety.

A Course of Desserts - candies, comfits and suckets, (marzipan holly and ivy leaves, fruits, walnuts), sugar paste lozenges, gems, ribbons, cinnamon sticks, sugared almonds, candied citrus peels), cakes (digby cakes, gilded leaves, seed cake, jumbols) fruits (compost of fruit, peeres in comfit, apple quarters), darioles, marscapone cheese, and spiced wine sauce. (all foods subject to change) -

The feast will begin at 2p.m, courses will be separated by dancing, court and other diversions. Entertainment will be provided by The Tynkers of al-Barran. (weather permitting). This will also be the last court of Baron Walter and Baroness Fiachra, as they will be stepping down at this event.

Grand Processional is scheduled for 11:30am, sign up when you check in or contact one of the autocrats for early sign up, (we ask that if you want to process, please bring a gift of largesse so their majesties have gifties to use throughout their reign.)

Make checks payable to SCA-Caerthe. The feast is limited to 275 people.

**Fees:** Site fee: $5.00/ under 13 - $2.50.

Site and Feast - $14.00 til October 15th. /under 13 - $7/ family cap - $40
- $16.00 to December lst./ under 13 - $8/ family cap - $45
- $18.00 thereafter and at the door/ under 13 -$9/ family cap- $50
(family is defined as 2 adults and 2 children under 13)

There will be 100 off-board seats available. First come, first serve.

**Head autocrat:** THL Marguerite d'Isere (303-400-5028) e:mail - pmarquez@psco.com Merchant contact, (space is limited).

**Co-autocrats:** THL Arwen Southerwood (303-756-7040) or mcclunes@aol.com. Lady Rivka (303-306-621) or rivka@caerthe.org

**Head cook:** THL Maredudd (303-316-4928)

Mail reservations to THL Gabrielle Cartier (Cheryl Baker) 1645 Valentia St., Denver, CO 80220 (303-394-4003) or email - cabaker@milehigh.net (mail payment within a week of making reservation).

**Directions:** From the North or South - take 125 to 120thh Street. Go East on 120th to Colorado Blvd. Go left (north). Go right at 128th (east) until it ends at a T-intersection. Go right (south). Take the first left onto Henderson Rd. (east). Go left into the fairgrounds. Look for the domed building. From the East - take 1225 North to 170 West. Then take 1270 North to 176 (Ft. Morgan exit). Then take state hwy. 85 (Greeley/Brighton exit) to 124h street. Go left (west), cross Brighton Rd. 124th will become Henderson Rd. Follow Henderson Rd. west until you reach the fairgrounds.

# Winter Oasis

Barony of Unser Hafen, January 15, A.S. XXXIV (2000)

Site Opens at 7:30pm • Site Closes at 1:00am Har Shalom Temple • 725 Drake • Fort Collins, CO Fees: $2.50 per person Make checks payable to "SCA - Unser Hafen" Site is Dry

Winter is fast among us, seemingly never to lose its grip. The sun shines brightly in the sky, but never long enough to fully warm our weary bones. Grumblings of War begin to turn to rumblings. The sound of the drumbeat echoes through the night. Is it the War Drums? Creeping closer, laughter is heard....upon closer investigation more drums, zills, singing, as well as many instruments with strings are heard as well...Weapons are put aside for a precious moment as the mighty Outlanders celebrate in their most gaudy Middle-Eastern garb.... Come one, come all to the Winter Oasis! Bring any music making tool, whether a flute or a rattle, and play it! Dance! Sing! Dance more!

Please bring a snack to share, but there is absolutely no meat allowed on site. Please be aware there is no crash space for the children as they grow weary in the night.

**Autocrat:** Magdalina Gregorieva (Sarah Burgess), 1030 W. Vine Dr., Ft. Collins, CO 80521, (970) 495-9630, sarahcranberry@juno.com

# CANDLEMAS

January 22, 2000

Once again the distant horns of war call the Outlands to battle, just as they did in Italy as city-states vied with supremacy. The Great Barony of Dragonsspine invites all in the Outlands to come to a Venetian Candlemas, where teams of the mighty populace will have the opportunity to vie for great honors to carry in the upcoming Estrella War.

**Site:** Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, CO. (Discreetly wet in hall,. dry in parks)

**Site Fee:** Site and feast with paid early reservations by Jan.5, $12.00 adult, $6.00 children 5-12, under 5 free site.

**Site and feast after Jan. 5:** (if feast is still available) $15.00 adult, $7.50 children 5-12.

**Site Fee only:** $6.00adult, $3.00 children 5-12 Some off-board seating for feast will be available on a limited basis.

Site opens at 9:30 am, closes at 11pm

**Autocrats:** THL Ayslynn merch Guincatan, (719) 597-4944, Email prmcoleman@hotmail .com Ldy. Jeanette Devallier.

**Reservations and Crash space:** Ldy. Irma Vukosl ava (719) 328-9281 Amy Adams, 611 N. Custer Ave., Col. Springs, C0 80903

ACTIVITIES

Candlemas will provide an opportunity for the fighting units, A&S participants, and support persons who are going to war to flaunt their skills in fun and entertaining competitions. If you are a loan fighter looking for a company to fight with, use Candlemas to show your prowess and negotiate. If you are a mercenary unit looking to contract for the war, Candlemas is your opportunity to come to terms. Activities are scheduled to begin at 11am.

**Teams:** Teams should be made up of those planning to go to war with the kingdom, Estrella or any other war the Outlands participates in. Not all members must participate in all activities. All teams must have at least one herald who will publicize the prowess of the team throughout the entire event. More heralds and bards may be used. Points are awarded for the word fame spread by the heralds.

**Competitions:** (Times to be announced)

Outrageous Outlandish Review- a presentation of Units participating. Each unit may design it own unique manner of presenting itself (as long as it does not violate mundane or Kingdom law)

Bannerette Tourney for Heavy and Rapier: Teams of 6

Gondola Races: Relay races, teams of 9 which 3 heavy fighters, 3 rapier fighters, and 3 either target archers, A&S participants, camp support, or combination of these last.

Tug of War: Teams of 9, same team makeup as the Gondola races but does not have to be same people

Assorted strategy games in the hall

War Dance: Each unit will demonstrate for the Entertainment of the populace their version of a war or victory dance. The populace will choose the winner in the competition.

The unit accumulating the most points will be awarded A Great Honor to bear in the Estrella War.

Children's activities will also be offered. Dancing will follow feast.

Court will be held around 5pm, should that please and meet therequirements of the Crown and Coronets. Feast to immediately follow court. Sorry, no merchants are permitted under the town's statutes. Alternative activities will be offered inside the hall should the weather be uncooperative.

**Directions:** Take 1-25 to Colorado Springs, then take the Hwy 24/Manitou Springs exit (exit 141). Take Hwy 24 west to first Manitou Springs turn-off. Go right on Manitou Ave. into town. You will pass the swimming pool. The town hall is on your right just past the locomotive.

## Monthly Welsh Seminar

This is an ongoing class in reading and translating modern Welsh. We are currently working with a simplified version of the Four Branches of the Mabinogion. In addition to the translation exercises, we discuss the background of the stories and practice hearing and answering questions in spoken Welsh. The class generally meets one Sunday afternoon a month. For more information contact Lady Guernen Cimarguid at (303) 715-3497, or by e-mail at gwernin@aol.com.

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## Caerthe Baronial Directory 2000

Time to update the Baronial Directory for 2000. If any of your information in the current directory (1999) has changed please get the correct information to me by the 18th of December. If you are new to the barony or were not listed in the current directory please get the information listed below to me by December 18th also. New directories will be available at Caerthen 12th Night.

Information included in the Directory: SCA name (if you are new and haven't decided on one yet, it can be left blank) Legal Name (The name you go by to the rest of the world) Address Phone - home/work (not required, but you may include either, both or neither) E-mail (again not required but handy for some who may want to contact you) Title (your current or prefered SCA given title(s)) Information can be gotten to me via hard copy (legibly printed on paper either given or mailed to me) or e-mail. I will not accept directory information verbally or by phone message, it is too easy to get it wrong. Lady Cecelia Corr Mhaire, c/o Mary Conley, 5015 Beach Ct., Denver, CO 80221, corr.mhaire@juno.com or Mary.Conley@cudenver.edu

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## World Wide Web links of interest:

http:/www.pclsys.net/~rds/cp

Caerthan Post is a discussion board where Caerthans can discuss anything that crossees their minds!

http:/www.usa.net/~norseman/outlands/outlands.html

SCA Outlands virtual Library

http:/www.caerthe.org

Barony of Caerthe Homepage

http:/www.hawkshollow.org

Canton of Hawk's Hollow Homepage

**Caerthen Arts and Sciences Champion:**

Lady Guernen Cimarguid

**Baronial Bard:**

THLady Caelainn ingen Muiredaig

**Art Credits**

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| cover | Mistress Mirianna Wrenn |

# Schola Metallorum

## (Incipient College)

The College of Schola Metallorum is another subsidiary branch of the Barony and is associated with the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. The Schola Metallorum office phone is 303-384-2194.

**Populace meetings:** held every 2 weeks. Call the Seneschal for details.

**Fighter practice:** Tuesdays at 6:00pm at Kafadar Commons (good weather) or Mines Fieldhouse (poor weather).

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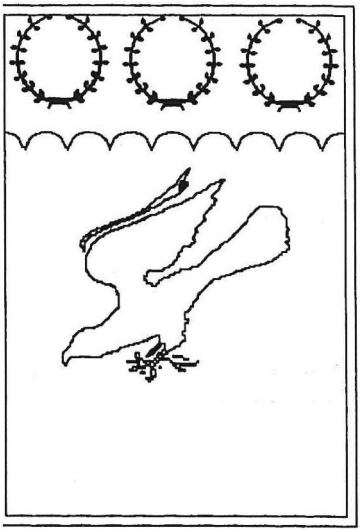

# Canton of Hawk's Hollow

The Canton of Hawk's Hollow is a subsidiary branch of the Barony of Caerthe located in the northern metropolitan area including the cities of Westminster, Thornton, Northglenn, and Commerce City.

Populace meetings are held at the Friendly Village of the Rockies Clubhouse. To get to this site take your best route to I-25 and Thornton Parkway (92nd Ave). Go west on Thornton Parkway, then north on Pecos to 100th Ave. Head west, taking your first left (Elbert) and you will see the clubhouse in front of you.

**Fighter Practice:** Contact Lord Eoin (listed below) for more information.

**Archery:** Contact Lady Meadhbh (listed below) for more information.

**Scottish Gaming:** Contact Lord Ivan MacOrin (listed on Caerthan officer's page) for more information.

All are encouraged to participate! Since all practices are in a public place, the wearing of garb is very much appreciated.

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# Barony of Caerthe

## Meetings, Practices, Guilds & Miscellany

## BUSINESS MEETINGS (Open to all populace)

7:00 to 9:00 pm - First Wednesday for December and January at the Virginia Village Library. 1500 S. Dahlia in Denver. Options for new night to be discussed at the next populace meeting. Contact Lady Stasia 303-940-7746.

## FIGHTER PRACTICE

**Heavy and Light Weapons:** Every Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:30 Jefferson County Fairgrounds Arena. Take 6th Ave. west to Indiana. Head south on Indiana, under the overpass to the first street. Head west. The fairgrounds is on the south side of the street, take the second entrance (by the Fairgrounds sign). It is the first building on your left. Contact Jester: 303-399-1229

**Archery:** Contact Lord Eric Morrison of Thistlekeep at 303-452-0717

**Scottish Gaming:** Contact Lord Ivan MacOrin at 303-940-7746

## GUILDS, CLASSES, MEETINGS

**Brewer's Guild:** The first Sunday of every month (unless otherwise noted due to an event) beginning at noon, at the home of Lady Stasia. Please call directions, 303-940-7746.

**Bridgit's Bards:** Every Thursday, 7:30PM. 2465 South Franklin St. For more information, contact Mistress Vivian at 303-777-6759. This is a nonsmoking household.

**Calligrapher's, Illuminator's & Illustrators Guild:** 2nd &3rd Mondayss, 7:00pm. 15912 East Lehigh Circle. Contact THLady Arwen at 303-756-7040, mcclunes@aol.com

**Cook's Guild:** Contact Mistress Katherine Holford at 303-322-1907. 910 Milwaukee St., Denver.

**Costumer's Guild:** 2nd Tuesday, 7:30PM. 2435 South Franklin Street. Contact Mistress Aleen at 303-777-9364.

**Dancing Classes:** Site varies. Garb is encouraged. Contact THLady Arwen 303-756-7040 or THLady Wyndylyn 303-680-1583 for information.

**Drumming Classes:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. 7134 Quay Cir., Arvada. For info or directions, call Sir James at 303-940-8157 or email at jmesser@usgs.gov.

**Heraldry Meeting:** 2nd Wednesdays at 4725 West Quincy, #1513, Denver. Contact Lady Kseniya, 303-730-7348.

**Hypothetical Music Makers Meeting:** 4th Tuesdays, 7:30PM. For information call Mistress Vivien or Mistress Rowen at 303-777-6759.

**Jewelry Guild:** 4th Sundays. Contact Lady Keturah 303-368-8465.

**Lampworker's Guild:** Workshops, 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 to 9:00PM. Contact Lady Jorunn 303-421-0689, jorunn@qadas.com for more information.

**Pins and Needles Sewing & Research Group:** 1st & 3rd Thursdays. 909 Logan St., #4. Contact Mistress Gisèlle at 303-864-1866.

**Scots Gaelic Study Group:** 3rd Tuesday, 7:30PM. 2465 South Franklin Street, Denver. Call Mistress Rowen, 303-777-6759 for information.

**Super Basic Sewing:** 4th Sundays, 1 to 6 p.m. at THL Wyndylyn's, 15912 Lehigh Circle, Aurora. Call 303-680-1583 for directions.

**Baronial Scriptorium:** 3rd Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. at THL Wyndylyn's, 15912 Lehigh Circle, Aurora. Call 303-680-1583 for directions.

**Milliner's Guild:** 4th Mondays. Contact THLady Beatricia at 303-460-8189

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